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FOR UNITED STATES PATENT OR DESIGN APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No. C36305

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING
the specification of which

- (check one) { } is attached hereto.
- { } was previously filed. U.S. serial number not yet available to applicant. A copy of the specification as filed is attached for identification purposes.
- { } was filed on Attorney Docket No.
- {✓} was filed on . September 28, 1999. under Application Serial No. 09/402,185

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information which is material to Patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC § 119 or 35 USC § 172 of any foreign application(s) listed below.

Prior Foreign Application(s):

<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u> (Day/Month/Year)
9701265-2	Sweden	4 April 1997

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC § 120 of any United States application (s) listed below, and any prior filed International application under 35 USC § 365 listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application

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